232 and wool growing industry in the State. For purposes
454 of research work, the Government have granted subsidy to the Farm.

455 Forests which cover about one-eighth of the total area
313 of the State, and Forest industries provide a large field of employment for skilled and unskilled workers, besides yielding a large revenue to the Government. In recent years, the Forest Department has shown particularly good results. The net revenue of the Department for 1942-43 was Rs. 63.46 lakhs, which gives it precedence over other parts of India. The demand for timber grown in the State has increased considerably and owing to war conditions it has brought good prices. Cultivation of pyrethrum has made good progress. The Rosin and Turpentine Factory at Miransahib has done particularly well. The factory has led to the establishment of a number of minor private-owned industries and contributed to the development of Miransahib into what promises to be a new industrial town. The Half-wrought Factory at Baramulla received orders exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs for 1942-43.

284 The feasibility of establishing a newsprint paper industry in the State was investigated by Tata Sons Ltd. with whom the Government have entered into an agreement for a comprehensive investigation of industrial possibilities in the State. But owing to the impracticability of importing heavy machinery in the

● 742 present conditions, the proposition has to wait. A Drug Research Laboratory has been established under the expert guidance of Sir Ram Nath Chopra, its Director, and it is expected that within a few months it will be in a position to meet a part of the requirements of medical

322 institutions in the State. Another noteworthy industry is Kashmir Willows, which besides manufacturing cricket bats has taken in hand the production of other wooden articles of great utility.

471 The establishment of a sugar mill at Miransahib near Jammu, is in hand and the manufacturing operations are expected to start early. The Shri Karan Singh Woollen Mills and the Indianite Factory which are not State-owned, but in which the Government have a substantial interest, have been kept busy executing orders received from outside the State. Well established cottage industries producing woollen fabrics, like *pattoos*, tweeds, blankets, shawls, *namdas*, *gabbas*, papier-mache and